

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

## **Senate Bill 619**

BY SENATORS GRADY AND TAYLOR

[Introduced February 14, 2023; referred  
to the Committee on Education]



1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-5-46 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to allowing teachers in public schools that include any one or more of grades kindergarten  
3 through 12 to teach intelligent design as a theory of how the universe and/or humanity  
4 came to exist.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-5-46. Requiring teacher to change grade prohibited; teacher recommendation relating  
to promotion; allowing teaching of intelligent design.**

1 (a) No teacher may be required by a principal or any other person to change a student's  
2 grade on either an individual assignment or a report card unless there is clear and convincing  
3 evidence that there was a mathematical error in calculating the student's grade.

4 (b) The teacher's recommendation relating to whether a student should be promoted to  
5 the next grade level shall be a primary consideration when making such a determination.

6 (c) Teachers in public schools, including public charter schools, that include any one or  
7 more of grades kindergarten through 12, may teach intelligent design as a theory of how the  
8 universe and/or humanity came to exist.